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Sir:

Applicant wishes to make of record in the above-identified application the document or documents referenced on the attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of the reference is enclosed herewith.

The cited reference is mentioned in the Office Action (translation enclosed) of Applicant's corresponding German patent application and is believed relevant for at least that reason. German Patent No. DE 42 18 655 A1 is accompanied by U.S. Patent No. 5,323,456 which is the U.S. equivalent.

The undersigned believes that this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application. Accordingly, Applicant does not believe that a fee is due for filing this paper. However, should a first action on the merits have been issued on the same day or before this Information Disclosure Statement is filed, please accept this Information Disclosure Statement under Rule 97(c) and

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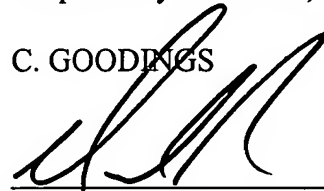
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